



# CHANDELLE

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## CAP ASSISTS IN SEARCH FOR JET

More than 150 members of Colo. Wing participated in an intensive search 31 Jan. - 5 Feb. for a missing Kansas Air National Guard F100C jet.

The aircraft was presumed down in the mountains northwest of Denver, more probably in the Milner Pass area. CAP headquarters for the search were established at Granby airfield. Capt. and Major Engle of Colorado Springs Sq. acted as mission co-ordinators for CAP.

Flying operations during the first 3 days were directed by the National Guard, under control of Maj. Wertz.

CAP took over direction of search efforts 2 Feb. The search was called off 5 Feb., after weather conditions made flying impossible during that day.

In all, Colo. Wing flew

more than 100 sorties. Between 10 and 20 aircraft, from Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Grand Junction and other areas, were available each day for CAP missions.

According to Maj. Bud Brown, who reported on the search at the Colo. Wing meeting 7 Feb., CAP participation was excellent, and he was very pleased with coordination and execution of the mission.

### WING CONFERENCE SET FOR GLENWOOD SPRINGS

The 1967 Annual Colorado Wing Conference will be held at the Village Inn Motel, Glenwood Springs, 20-21 May, 1967. Start early to make your plans to attend. More information will appear in the next issue of Chandelle.

## GPS. I, II ATTEND C.D. ENCAMPMENT

Group I and part of Group II of Colorado Wing participated in a 4-day training program encampment 27-30 December 1966. A breakdown of members participating: 61 male cadets, 9 female cadets and 15 senior members gave up 4 days of their Christmas vacation period.

The training was generally intense. The days began at 0600 and extended beyond 2200 each day. They also had drill, recreation, but most of the time was spent on classes. The first 2½ days were spent at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, Colorado. The instruction consisted of American Red Cross First Aid, Civil Defense Medical Self-held program, and Civil Air Patrol

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### SIX GRAND JUNCTION CADETS WIN FAA SCHOLARSHIP.

Front row, left to right, C/Capt. Dorothy Banas, C/Capt. Bill Williams, C/2 Lt. Lonnie Smith, C/M Sgt. Mary Williams. Back row, C/T Sgt. Eva Searcy and C/T Sgt. Roberta Searcy. Cadet Smith is on a Special Scholarship sponsored by Dunkin Blue Print Company. The others are being sponsored collectively by various merchants and business men interested in Grand Junction's role in the Space Age.





# THE COMMANDER'S COMMENT

By: Col. Arthur F. Putz

Colorado Wing of CAP recently received its 1966 Evaluation report from the USAF. This report was based on a simulated SARCAP in October and a Headquarters Inspection in December, 1966.

Colo. Wing placed as one of the best in the nation in this rating. According to Col. Jack McReynolds, USAF, Director of CAP Plans and Programs, Colo. Wing advanced from 20th place in 1965 to 5th place this year. Col. McReynolds, a former liaison officer for Colorado, visited us at the CAP wing meeting 7 February. He told the officers attending the meeting that, in his opinion, Colo. Wing rated first. Largely due to Colo. Wing's high standing, said the Colonel, Rocky Mountain Region advanced from 4th to 2nd place in the national standings.

As you read in last month's Chandelle, Colo. Wing received 98 out of a possible 100 points on the simulated SARCAP. Organization and Coordination of the mission were considered perfect. Mission Execution itself rated 61 of the possible 63 points, which reflects a very excellent evaluation indeed from the USAF team.

In the two-day inspection of headquarters operations and procedures, the USAF representatives praised Colo. Wing on its great progress over the past two years. Particularly cited were our Aerospace Education and Member Training Programs.

There were, however, some minor areas of deficiency pointed out by the USAF Evaluation Team on both the SARCAP and Headquarters Inspection. It is to our credit that for the most part these were procedural rather than functional matters. Nonetheless, these defects call for our immediate attention and correction. If all our members continue the fine record of careful attention and unstinting effort that typified 1966, I am confident that we will not see mention of these details on future USAF Evaluations.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your individual and collective efforts, which resulted in our outstanding rating. A sincere well done to all of you, and let's keep up the good work so that we may do even better next year.

## \*THINK SAFETY!\*

Colorado pilots, keep up the good work! To date, Colorado Civil Air Patrol pilots have an excellent overall flying safety record.

Considering our high tough terrain in general, this record is much more than a matter of good luck. You achieve safety by first deciding to BE safe, then working constantly and constructively to make NO flights except SAFE flights.

We believe you will agree that in aviation to a far greater degree than in any other form of transportation, the operator can influence and control his own safety. While airborne, we have very little chance of being jeopardized by "the other fellow". Actually few flying accidents are directly and unavoidably caused by failure of the machine itself. And in a great many situations the competent pilot can overcome minor mechanical problems by following common sense emergency procedures.

Certainly, CAP pilots should strive to set the best possible example year after year, and lead the entire General Aviation community in Flying Safety.

Let's make it 100% for 1967!

COLORADO WING SAFETY OFFICE  
By W/O Bob Arany

## NEW C.O.S APPOINTED

Major August E. Wirth is the new Commander of Group VIII, effective 1 February 1967.

W/O Rober R. Cumine became the Commander of Timberline Squadron on 1 January 1967.

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## CHANDELLE EDITOR OPENS BRANCH I.O

The editorial staff of Chandelle takes great pride in announcing -- for the first time for any CAP publication -- the opening of an International Branch Office. Headquarters will be located in Brussels, Belgium, where Chandelle International will share office space with Gates Rubber Company International.

Foreign Services Director will be Lt. Col. Jack W. Cullinan, who was inveigled into accepting the position when the Colorado Wing IO Staff learned that he had been named International Advertising Manager for Gates.

Lt. Col. Jack

Cullinan



When asked to shoulder this new CAP responsibility, Cullinan stated: "I will gladly set aside the southeast corner 6" of my new office for Colorado Wing International Activities. Now please stop twisting my arm."

IO Director Bernie Gebhardt expressed full confidence in the capabilities of Cullinan, who has been the skilled editor and guiding light of the Chandelle for the past year.

Cullinan left for Brussels to assume his new CAP post at the end of January. His position as editor of Chandelle will be assumed by S/M Bob Brand, a former newspaper and magazine editor who is now with the promotion department at Mullins Broadcasting Company. Co-Editor of the Chandelle is Major Gerrie Tolbertson, whose other job is secretary to the Production Manager of Pan American Petroleum.

## The Chaplain's Chat

By: Major Henry Thompson

May I introduce my new assistant, Capt. Vernon Ballinger from the Longmont Squadron. Vernon has been very active within his own squadron and helpful in several Wing activities. We welcome him as an effective addition to our Wing Staff.

Congratulations to Capt. Neil Hewitt for being promoted to Chaplain of Group II, and also to Capt. Fred Martens who has also been promoted to Chaplain of Group I. Other new Chaplains have been added to our roster: Capt. Glen Sherman, Rocky Mtn. Squadron; Capt. Kenneth Haroldsen, Littleton Sqdn; Capt. David Holden, Brighton Squadron; and Capt. Leslie McRae, Wing Headquarters Sqdn.

One of our objectives this year is to fill several of the vacancies that still exist in some of our squadrons. This is a job for all of us, to encourage our ministers and priests to share in this program. Some times all it takes is an encouraging word from you to begin this ministry of service. One of the big problems is that this is a ministry in which several of the clergy are not acquainted. Once they feel at ease and are convinced of the opportunities, they heartily give of their time. May I say that if I can be of any help in sending a word or letter of explanation or encouragement, I am always more than willing. We are striving to even excel the good record that has been maintained over the past.

## ATTENTION: IO'S

All IOs should send copies of any releases made to CAP TIMES at the same time they are communicated to local news media.



It's always inspection night when "Top Brass" visit a unit. Denver's Squadron 11, commanded by Major Eleanor Wigand, passed with outstanding reports from Lt. Col. Nathan Baum, Group I Commander, and his staff who visited the unit for a special parents' night observance. Awards, decorations and citations for outstanding service were presented.



Major Frank R. Dillingham, USAF Liaison Officer for the Colorado Wing, presents the Amelia Earhart Award to Cadet Cathy Joyce, one of more than a dozen cadets in Squadron 11 who received honors at last month's parents' night meeting of the squadron at Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver.

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## C.D. TRAINING

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classes. Also covered were Radiological survival, fallout, home shelter management, care of the sick and injured, infant care, and a film on emergency childbirth.

On the third day, the cadets were bussed to Camp George West, Golden, for their shelter management program. This included an overnight stay in an underground CD shelter. During the night cadets were given field problems in shelter management by Major Eleanor Wiegand, Encampment Commander; CWO Isaac Tennant, Deputy CO of Cadets; and Mr. Julian Dombrowski, Colorado State Civil Defense Education Research Officer.

On the final day of the encampment, the cadets attended additional lectures and participated in hospital field exercises on simulated emergency situations.

At the conclusion of the program, Civil Defense Medical Self Help, American Red Cross Standard First Aid cards and the CAP Certificate of Accomplishment were presented by General Erlich, Assistant Adjutant General with the National Guard and Military Support Plans Officer (CD); Col. Arthur F. Putz, Colorado Wing Commander; Mrs. Ewing Friedman, member of Jefferson Co. Chapter American Red Cross; Cadet 2/Lt. Robert Kimmel, Encampment Cadet CO; Lt. Col. Nathan L. Baum, Group I Commander; and Mr. Julian Dombrowski, Colorado State Civil Defense Educational Research Officer.

By 2/Lt. Albert L. Field, IO  
Group I, Colorado Wing

## LESSONS FROM MT. SHERMAN

During a Wing Staff meeting participants in the recent Mt. Sherman search discussed problems that they encountered. This successful search could have ended otherwise. Many different groups & many people were involved, all of which made for much confusion in the reporting of progress.

A false report of locating the downed plane on the first afternoon of the search caused considerable delay in the search and could have resulted in disaster. It took a few hours to verify that no sighting had been made and that the report was false.

At every search everyone wants to know the latest information and even the truth gets distorted. The only way of keeping the information straight is to have no news released except from the Mission Headquarters or the I.O. for the mission. As a searcher, you should give no information to outsiders who are not part of the active search parties. Send them to Mission Headquarters for information.

DON'T GO OFF ALONE IN BAD  
WEATHER OR UNFAMILIAR AREA.

By: Seymour Beitscher

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Fifty-four educational scholarships and grants amounting to \$39,000 will be awarded to outstanding Civil Air Patrol members for the 1967-68 academic year, Charles W. Webb, deputy chief of staff for aerospace education in CAP, recently announced.

## G.J. UNIT SEARCHES FOR LOST STUDENT

A severely retarded State Home student, 51 years old, wandered from a group of 30 students on a hike and was lost on the afternoon of December 1st. A gully by gully search of the barren desertland near the Bookcliffs turned up no clues. Next morning 93C, the CAP L-21 joined the search, piloted by Capt. Bob Amelang. "Niner Three Charlie" was the first plane in the air on this search. Six hours were spent flying low over the area but to no avail. On Jan. 20 the body of the student was found by two hunters in a box canyon where he had died of exposure.

By: Fred R. Allen, I.O.  
Grand Junction Comp. Sq.

## GROUP II HOSTS POT LUCK DINNER

Members of Group II (Jefferson County) staff and families and the senior staff of Arvada Sqdn. and their families held a pot luck, get-better-acquainted dinner meeting recently at Secrest School. A "State of the Unit" message brought the parents up-to-date on the accomplishments of the squadron and individual cadets.

Arvada Squadron cadets are planning a ski-train party to Winter Park on February 19. A lively recruiting campaign has been kicked off with the ski party as a target date. Cadets bring the most new members into the unit will win a pizza dinner, and a boys-vs-girls contest for recruits has a paid ski trip as a prize.

By: Capt. Pat Murphy  
IO, Arvada Squadron